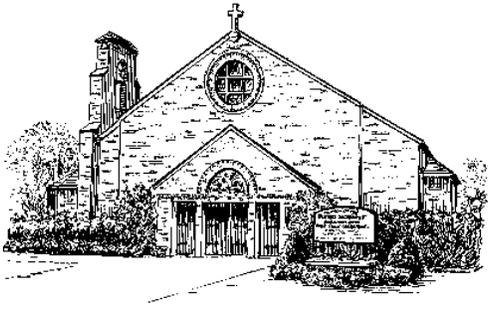


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York



**Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor**  
**Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas**  
**Reverend Albin Roby**  
**Reverend Monsignor Francis V. Boyle, Pastor Emeritus**

## **MASSES:**

Saturday in the Church: 5:00 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM.  
Weekdays in the Church: 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Saturday in the Church: 9:00 AM.  
Holy Days in the Church: 7:00 PM (Vigil), 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 12:00 to 1:00 PM; 4:15 to 5:00 PM.  
Anytime upon reasonable request.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Sunday at 2:00 PM. (Except during July & August, then only on the First and Third Sunday and other specified days)  
Arrangements should be made at least one month in advance with the priest of the Parish. Parents of a first child and parents who are new to Blessed Sacrament must attend a Baptism Instruction Class which is held the second Wednesday evening of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room. Godparents should be Practicing Catholics, and must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their Parish.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements should be made about six months in advance, with a priest of the Parish. Couples must attend Pre-Cana Conferences.

**SICK CALLS** - At any time.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** - Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - First Friday from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** - Welcome to our Parish.

We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Parish House Office weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

### **PARISH HOUSE**

30 Manor Road  
442-1581

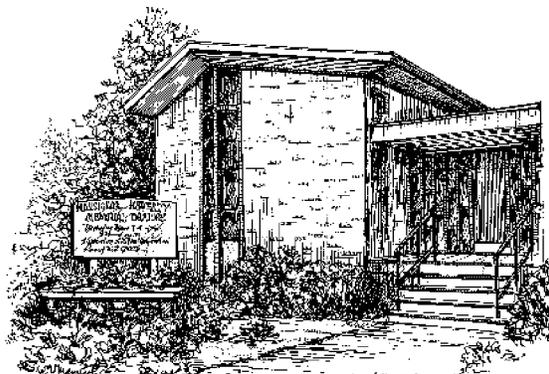
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.com>

### **SCHOOL**

Mr. Joseph Cocozello  
Principal  
830 Delafield Avenue  
442-3090

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - D.R.E.  
830 Delafield Avenue  
448-0378



**THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM**

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our Baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our Baptism. The Psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our Baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our Baptismal promises.

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<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
\$4989.00 (Weekly)	\$5387.00 (Weekly)
\$1264.00 < 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection >	\$1799.00
\$1266.00 (Debt Reduction)	
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
623 (Adults)	645 (Adults)
<u>144</u> (Children)	<u>159</u> (Children)
767	804

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DOROTHY & MARTIN BYRNE**

***PRAY FOR THE SICK***

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them. In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pflieger, Jr., Phyllis Ribaldo, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmady, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D'Amico, Infant Twins, Allison & Adrianna, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, and Felicidad Tobias,

***SYMPATHY***

Remember the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

**MONDAY**

7:00 William McCormack  
9:00 Anna Plumb (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
7:00 Special Intention

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Edward & Mary Heffner  
9:00 Bob Tummino  
7:00 Jane Mercurio

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Sister Mary Ellen Downing  
9:00 Mary Patricia Peters  
7:00 Ali Dellaroas

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Michael Salaycik  
9:00 Victoria Magliocca  
7:00 St. Anthony

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Marie Dahl  
9:00 Burton Cohen  
7:00 Bishop Patrick V. Ahern

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Edward Strom (Living Intention)  
5:00 Amelia Santoriello

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Rose Dogolin  
9:30 AOH  
12:30 Brett Greeley

**SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1, 2015**

<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	6
8:00 AM	Team	7
9:30 AM	Team	8
11:00 AM	Team	9
12:30 PM	Team	10

<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>
Sr. Anne Dolores
K. Byrne
M. Semon
M. Conigatti
K. Hanley

<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
A. Aponte & M. McKeever
S. Coscia & E. Hodgins
B. Collorec & P. Thomann
T. Sanders & C. Rooney
M. Conigatti & K. Byrne

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**  
***Sharing God's Gifts***

\$4,500,000 of the funds raised through the Appeal helps needy parishes throughout the archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal.

**MONTE CARLO-FEBRUARY FORTUNE**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2015**  
**8:00 – 11:00 P.M.**

**Blessed Sacrament GYM**

100 dollar ticket gets 2 people into the event, a chance to win \$10,000 and 100 chips to show your skills at the gaming tables. For information and tickets please call Rich Kerney at 718-869-4539 or Helene Maiello at 917-583-8339.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

**The Titan League Breakfast Club** will meet on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues).

**The Senior Group** is sponsoring a Day of Recollection at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave from Blessed Sacrament at 8:15 A.M. Offering \$60/person. For reservations and information please call Betty Hartmann at 718-727-2669.

**Senior Art Lessons** are being offered for any interested Seniors at Blessed Sacrament Parish (30 Manor Road) on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. BEGINNERS WELCOME!! Fee \$10/person! Please call 718-447-9657 to enroll.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

And so we begin! The First Sunday of Lent following Ash Wednesday—our reminder of our journey with Jesus to Easter presents us with the opportunity of spiritual self renewal. Basic to our journey is our personal commitment to prayer, fast, almsgiving and all that will enable us as 20<sup>th</sup> Century Apostles and Disciples of Jesus Christ. Yes, by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation we are mandated to be modern day apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Foundational to our attempt to make a Lenten Journey is a real and solid prayer life.

Permit me to share with you "Observing Lent, Day by Day by George Wiegel a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. and leading Catholic author and apostle in the United States and around the world.

Having had the privilege of making a mini retreat-vacation last summer in Vatican City, I was fortunate to have a guided tour of the major Basilicas in Rome by Elizabeth Lev, mentioned in the article and herself author of a wonderful account of the Lenten Station Churches—the pilgrimage and honoring the city's martyrs.

And now George Wiegel writes....

***THE PHRASE: "Lenten journey" has become ubiquitous in contemporary Catholicism, but for once, AmChurchSpeak makes an important point: Lent is a journey—a journey to Calvary with the Lord and an opportunity to reflect on how well we've each picked up the cross daily (as instructed in Luke 9:23) and followed Him.***

***The day-to-day quality of the 40 Days hit home during the best Lent I ever spent: Lent 2011, when I made the Lenten station church pilgrimage in Rome with the Pontifical North American College.***

*Every morning, I'd be up at 5:15 a.m. and off in the dawn's early light to participate in Mass at the "station" appointed for that Lenten day—a tradition dating back to the mid-first millennium, when the Bishop of Rome led a daily procession through the city and celebrated Mass at a particular "station" church honoring the city's martyrs.*

*But as splendid as that experience of Rome was, those daily walks—which often take the pilgrim to great churches far from the beaten tourist track—weren't the heart of the Lenten journey for me. The deeper experience came later, when I returned to the North American College and wrote a commentary on each day's liturgical texts: the readings from Mass and those in the Breviary's Office of Readings.*

***Best Mined Slowly***

*Three-and-a-half decades of scribbling have taught me that I best get inside a text and plumb its meaning when I write about it. That's true of novels; it's true of history and biography; and it's most certainly true of those readings from the Bible and the fathers of the Church that fill each day of Lent with riches that are best-mined slowly.*

*The unfolding of those riches is another day-by-day thing and becomes most intense during the later part of Lent, when the first selection in the Office of Readings is from the Letter to the Hebrews and the second Mass reading is from the Gospel of John.*

*For two weeks, the Letter to the Hebrews draws on images from the Old Testament to introduce us to that "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God:" a mediator between God and humanity who "has been tempted as we are" and with whom we can "with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4: 14-16). Here, the biblical author writes, we find that "great cloud of witnesses" in whose company we are enabled to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Heb 12:10 Here is "Mt. Zion...the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" to which we are brought through the mediation of Jesus, and where we join "innumerable angels in festive gathering" (Heb 12:22).*

*Complementing this extraordinary vision of our Christian destiny are the Lenten daily Mass readings from the Gospel of John, in which Jesus is sovereign even on earth. Throughout His Passion—indeed, in setting in motion the dynamics that lead to the Passion—it is Jesus who is in charge of events, Jesus who drives the drama forward, Jesus who tells Pilate who is really in charge of history. To walk this journey day by day is to experience the fullness of what it means to meet the Lamb of God who, by taking the sins of the world on Himself in obedience to the Father's will, empowers each of His brethren to pick up their daily cross and follow Him without fear.*

*With the help of art historian Elizabeth Lev and my photographer--son, Stephen, I've tried to share what I learned and wrote during that "best Lent" of my life in "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" (Basic Books).*

*"Roman Pilgrimage" is meant to be read a day at a time (the eBook edition is especially conducive to reflection, as its all-color photo format makes a visually stunning complement to the text and "'puts" the reader in Rome). Whatever the format, though, may "Roman Pilgrimage" be a fitting companion on many Lenten journeys.*

Although we are not in Rome for Lent 2015, there is no reason Staten Island Lent cannot be a similar opportunity for prayer and renewal.

A daily journey to our beloved Blessed Sacrament Parish Church for daily Mass at 7:00 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. according to our personal schedule accompanied by time reflecting on the readings of the day, or perhaps a Lenten book or writing (even Wiegel's book on eBay) and our own devotional prayers can certainly almost guarantee an abundant spiritual reward and a meaningful Lent.

At the very best, it is a beginning and a challenge! Good Luck, I will challenge myself to do likewise.

God Bless You,  
Msgr. Finn